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**SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -  
WOMEN'S ISSUES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued "The Bush Administration Misstatement of the Day" on women's issues.

During an [appearance on CNN's Late Edition, on Sunday, April 25, 2004, Karen Hughes](#) , "the president's long-time friend and adviser," spoke about the [March for Women's Lives](#) , where a million pro-choice women and men marched in Washington, D.C. in support of reproductive freedom. Hughes, who tried to equate pro-choice Americans with terrorists, defended President Bush's record on women's issues. Hughes said:

"I think the president gets far too little credit for what he has done for American women." (Karen Hughes, CNN, 4/25/04)

However, according to a [report by the National Women's Law Center](#) , ". the Bush Administration is taking steps to roll back women's progress in every aspect of their lives - their opportunities to succeed at work and in school, their economic security, their health and reproductive rights." The report titled "Slip-Sliding Away: The Erosion of Hard-Won Gains for Women Under the Bush Administration and an Agenda for Moving Forward," continues:

*"the Administration's massive tax cuts are benefiting the wealthiest Americans and resulting in extensive cuts in important government programs" that impact women.* The Administration is also *"abolishing the government's Equal Pay Initiative, 'archiving' its guidelines on sexual harassment in schools, undermining medical research and distorting scientific information to further an anti-abortion and anti-family planning agenda, and placing individuals hostile to women's interests on expert advisory committees responsible for issues such as domestic violence, reproductive health, and women in the military."*  
Schakowsky  
[joined members of Congress](#)

**in calling on President Bush to disavow Hughes' comments and in demanding that Hughes immediately apologize.**